



Center City Seattle is our strategy for encouraging economic growth, transportation, new housing, and great urban neighborhoods in the downtown core and the nine areas immediately around it.

In terms of geography, jobs and density, Center City represents the core of the region. By 2024 it is estimated that this area will produce 50,000 new jobs and over 22,000 new housing units.

Many exciting projects are planned for Center City in the next few years.

Center City Seattle Neighborhoods

- Uptown
- South Lake Union
- Capitol Hill
- Belltown
- Denny Triangle
- Pike/Pine
- First Hill
- Downtown Core
- Pioneer Square
- Chinatown-International District

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Initiatives Underway in Center City

The following projects are currently being coordinated by the City of Seattle, State of Washington, and other public agencies in Seattle's Center City area.

Major Planning Efforts

- Yesler Terrace redevelopment - *Ongoing*
- Broadway Action Agenda - *In Progress*
- South Lake Union Urban Design Framework - *Draft Completed*
- South Lake Union Environmental Impact Study - *Beginning Soon*
- Livable South Downtown planning and land use analysis
- *Legislation at Council*
- Central Waterfront Planning Draft - *Underway*
- North Lot development - *In Design*
- Center City-wide Alcohol Impact Area - *Implemented*
- North Downtown Parks Plan - *Completed*
- South Lake Union Neighborhood Plan Update - *Completed*
- Changes to the Land Use Code to increase height and density in the downtown core - *Completed*
- Center City Competitive Edge Study - *Completed*

Transportation Projects

- Alaskan Way Bored Tunnel Hybrid - *Ongoing*
- Center City Access Strategy - *Ongoing*
- Center City Parking Program - *Ongoing*
- Central LINK Light Rail - *Operating*
- Two-way Mercer/Valley corridor - *Design Complete*
- King Street Station, Westlake transportation hubs - *Ongoing*
- SR 519 Intermodal Access Project - *Under Construction*
- New First Hill Streetcar - *Planning Underway*
- Streetcar Network Development Plan - *Complete*
- *Bridging the Gap*: Paving key routes to and through downtown
Fifth and Second Avenue, Marion - *Complete*;
Fourth Avenue, Virginia, Olive - *In Progress*
Street paving projects - *Ongoing*
- Bicycle Master Plan implementation - *Ongoing*
- Pedestrian Master Plan - *Finalized 2009*

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Housing Projects in Center City

- Holiday Apartments: Rehabilitation of existing workforce housing - *Funded*
- Gethsemane Lutheran: adding 50 units of mixed-income housing above existing church – *Opening 2012*
- Partners in Hope (Bahkita Gardens): 90 units for homeless women – *Opening summer 2010*
- A.L. Humphrey House (1st and Cedar): 84 units for homeless individuals – *Opening summer 2010*
- Canaday House (Cascade Supportive Housing): 83 affordable housing units – *Opening summer 2010*
- Frederic Ozanam House (801 9th Ave.): 56 units of permanent supportive housing for the homeless – *Opened April 2009*
- Langdon and Anne Simons Senior Apartments: 95 units of affordable housing; 92 are permanent housing for homeless – *Opened January 2008*
- Evans House (415 10th Ave.): 75 units for the chronically homeless – *Opened September 2007*
- Broadway Crossing: 44 units of affordable housing above a street level Walgreen's – *Opened March 2007*
- 1811 Eastlake: 75 units of housing for chronically homeless alcoholics – *Opened September 2005*
- Multifamily Property Tax Exemption program expanded in June 2008 to include Uptown, Belltown, Commercial Code and Pike/Pine; encourages developers to include affordable housing in residential projects
- Workforce Housing Initiative adopted in late 2008; allows developers to increase height/density of projects in exchange for affordable housing
- Changes to encourage housing in the downtown core (part of the downtown zoning changes initiative) - *Completed*
- Revisions to encourage housing in First Hill, Pike/Pine, Union and along Broadway - *Completed*

Public Amenities Projects

- Hing Hay Park Expansion - *Property Acquired*
- Renovations to Freeway Park - *Completed*
- Counterbalance Park: An Urban Oasis - *Opened June 2008*
- Olympic Sculpture Park - *Opened January 2007*
- Green Street Improvements (multiple locations, some completed)
- I-5 Colonnade - *Completed*
- Cal Anderson Park Improvements - *Completed*
- Aquarium - *Completed*
- Westlake Plaza Improvements - *Completed*
- Chinatown/ID Community Center - *Completed*
- Renovations to Occidental Park and Pioneer Square Park - *Completed*
- Yesler Community Center - *Completed*
- Denny Triangle Urban Center - *Acquired 8,722 square foot property for park*
- Denny Park Children Playground - *Construction complete April 2009*
- Lake Union Park - *Phase 1 opened April 2008; Phase 2 under construction*
- Bell Street Park Boulevard - *Planning Underway*



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